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Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 217.

Impressing of carts.

Messrs. Rama Reddi, Bangalore Taluk; and M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Though the Government order in the matter is to get carts from contractors when required for Government use, yet petty servants have made it a means of earning money by unnecessarily impressing carts that come from distant parts and then letting them off when their purposes are served. Strict orders are required in this matter. The present practice has the tendency of retarding trade and causing worry and trouble to ignorant raiyats. A civilized Government should not allow such a practice.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 218.

A Press Room for Mysore.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a Press Room may be opened in the Mysore City also.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 219.

Lectures on public health, etc.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that an allotment may be made to promote lectures on public health, agriculture, commerce and industries.

The member thanked Government for the lectures instituted in connection with the Industrial Exhibition.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 220.

Grants to Reading Rooms and Libraries.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that grants may be given to Reading Rooms and Libraries.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 221.

Decimation of malnad population.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that a committee may be appointed to enquire into the causes of the gradual decimation of the malnad population.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be enquired into by the Senior Surgeon.

SUBJECT No. 222.

Contract system for supplies to officers on circuit.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Mr. Raghavachar, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore city Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars and shekdars should be relieved of the harassing duties and responsibilities of supplying the necessary things to officers on circuit and a contract system adopted. This will facilitate the disposal of current work and further free the raiyats from indirect taxation. Present-day officers pay for the things supplied, but the subordinate officers should be relieved of the duty of supplying, by contractors being employed.

Mr. Raghavachar.—The contract system may be adopted when high officers like the Dewan and Councillors and matadhipathis go out on tour.

Messrs. Malvalli Narasimhaiya and Ranganna.—Payment has always been made for carts hired or things supplied.

Raiyats have not been harassed. In the case of matadhipathis, their disciples look after supplies willingly. No action is called for on the part of Government.

Mr. Appajaiya.—The complaint is really against patels and shanbhogs; some of whom collect from raiyats without payment much more than is really wanted.

Messrs. Patel Sivappa, Lingegowda and others protested against the previous speaker's remarks.

Mr. Rasul Khan.—Officers should personally make payments to the parties furnishing the supplies.

Mr. Krishnachar.—Contractors are employed for making supplies in the case of large camps and no action is necessary.

Mr. Nanjunda Chetty.—The supplies required by Amildars, etc., are very small. It does not pay a contractor to travel with such officers and supply the necessary things. No action is necessary.

Messrs. Patel Linge Gowda and Hoskote Ramanna.—No action is necessary.

Mr. Krishnamurti.—A contractor may be employed in each taluk.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit.—There is not the same trouble now as there used to be the case formerly, and supplies are made by kotwals, etc., on payment.

Other members also spoke for and against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The sense of the meeting is that the contract system is impracticable and that there is no great hardship in the present system. Individual cases of extortion or oppression by subordinate officials will be suitably dealt with if brought to the notice of Government.

SUBJECT No. 223.

Increase of pay to Barr Subedars.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The pay given to Barr Subedars is very low. It is not sufficient to maintain the dignity of their office. A grade ranging from Rs. 70 to Rs. 150 may be fixed. The barracks for the sepoy, especially in the mofussil, should be better built and more accommodation provided.

Reply of Government.—Not a matter fit to be discussed in the Representative Assembly.

SUBJECT No. 224.

Telegraph offices in all Taluk Head-quarters.

All the members of the Hassan District.

Summary of discussion.—Combined Post and Telegraph offices may be opened at every Taluk Head-quarters. On representing the matter to the Postal Department, the members were called upon to advance money enough to cover the expenses of the department for ten years. Though in a few places the income that could be guaranteed is small, there are several places which can yield a good